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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Yeh

Serial No.: 09/484,964

Filed: 1/18/00

For: COMPOSITION AND USES FOR A
NOVEL CELL-DEATH-PROTECTION
PROTEIN

Group Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: Beckerleg, S.

Atty. Dkt. No.: UTSN:248/GNS

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 2001**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of two months to and including February 28, 2002 in which to respond to the Office Action dated September 28, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$200.00 is enclosed, which is the process fee (\$200.00) for a two-month extension of time.

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an

overpayment be included herein, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10021106/GNS.

Respectfully submitted,



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